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1. On 11 January Siam accepted the invitation extended by Pandit Nehru to attend the Asiatic Conference arranged by the Indian Council of World Affairs scheduled for April 1947 in New Delhi. (Washington note: SO 2329 reported that Siam "stalled" regarding the invitation because she does not welcome the attempts India is making to take the leadership in Southeast Asia.)
2. It has been learned that the Siamese Foreign Minister, Nai Direk Jaiyanama, has had the invitation in hand for some time, but was reluctant to accept it. He finally decided to discuss the matter with the British Minister to Siam; the British Minister urged acceptance. Nai Direk also planned to seek the advice of the Chinese Ambassador, but other Siamese, aware of possible future rivalry between India and China in Southeast Asian affairs, advised against it.
3. Delegates to the conference are to be Princess Foon Pitsimai, daughter of the late Prince Damrong, and Phya Anuman Rajdhana, Director-General of the Fine Arts Department. He is described as a "non-political" scholar.

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